

Governments, and as a Budget Officer for the City of Sherman.

In 1996, Dan began his impressive 25-year career with the City of Richardson serving as the Deputy City Manager and Chief Operating Officer from 1996 until he was appointed City Manager in 2012. His active role in economic development initiatives would be instrumental in fostering the prosperity of communities throughout Collin County.

As a testament to the admiration Johnson has garnered in the community, his past leadership roles include serving as the President of several organizations including the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas, and the Texas City Management Association. Other notable positions include his current service on the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Advisory Board, the University of Texas at Dallas Development Board, the Advisory Council for the UT Dallas School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, and as the Treasurer and Board Executive Committee Member of the North Texas Commission.

Now as Dan Johnson prepares to begin a new season of life following his illustrious career, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing him for his dedication and many contributions to the betterment of the North Texas region.

REMEMBERING GEORGIANA BRUNET

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Mrs. Georgiana Smith Brunet, who found her heavenly wings on February 9, 2022 at the age of 97 years old. She was known to many as the Matriarch of Algiers, Louisiana, and was recently honored as the oldest serving community activist in my hometown. Affectionately called "Bunny," she dedicated her entire life to her family, faith, and community.

Mrs. Brunet attended Illinois State University and the Booker T. Washington Nursing Program of New Orleans. She was married to her late husband Mr. Bernard Brunet, Jr. for 37 years and together they had five children, her pride and joy.

A devout Catholic, Mrs. Brunet was an active parishioner of All Saints Church for over 71 years where she served on the Social Outreach Committee as well as the All Saints Sodality. She was a member of the All Saints Rosary Group/Legion of Mary for over 40 years. In 2012 her lifelong commitment earned her the prestigious Order of St. Louis IX Medallion, an award which honors laypersons who have contributed their time and talents to the church. The award was presented by Archbishop Aymond, the Archdiocese of New Orleans at St. Louis Cathedral.

Mrs. Brunet became an active community advocate for the Algiers area, while working as a Pediatric Nurse within the community over her 30 years. Mrs. Brunet's community activism was also celebrated when she was honored at the Algiers Courthouse in 2012 for her volunteer work.

Mrs. Brunet left a lasting mark on many of the organizations she actively participated in

including the Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver St. Rita's Court 36, 3rd and 4th degree, serving as Treasurer; the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Auxiliary; Fan Advisory Committee of her beloved New Orleans Saints; Girl Scouts of America, and Krewe of NOMTOC ("New Orleans Most Talked of Club").

Mrs. Brunet was lovingly known as "Mother Jugs" for her work establishing the Krewe of NOMTOC and the Jugs Social Club, of which her husband was a co-founder and President. Nothing stood in her way of preparing and enjoying the Krewe of NOMTOC on parade Saturdays.

Mrs. Brunet kept busy following the activities of the New Orleans Council on Aging, attending events at the Arthur Monday Senior Center, craft-making, cooking, lobbying the State Legislature, and event planning.

Beyond her work, Georgiana had a vibrant social life. She was truly the life of the party and would carefully plan her costumes weeks in advance. She was a lively character with an undeniable fashion sense, always dressed to the nines on every occasion. Additionally, Georgiana was an avid traveler, visiting most states and several international destinations. She was a lover of politics, people, and fun, and a member of the Golden Girls Social Circle.

Algiers, Louisiana will never be the same without her. Her poise, talents and enduring love of everyone she touched will live in our hearts forever. We will all be better citizens because of the mark she left on each of us.

CELEBRATING U.S.-UZBEKISTAN PARTNERSHIP

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the enduring friendship between the United States and Uzbekistan, and to recognize the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our nations, including the 20th anniversary of the U.S.-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership. Uzbekistan plays a fundamental role in the development of an independent, resilient, and democratic Central Asia. It is a burgeoning force for regional economic growth and a vital partner in strengthening regional stability and cooperation.

Since Uzbekistan's independence in 1991, with the fall of the Soviet Union, the United States and the international community have witnessed Uzbekistan emerge from what was once considered one of the world's most isolated and repressive countries into a nation of noteworthy transformational improvements.

Today, Uzbekistan strives to modernize and liberalize the economy; streamline its bureaucracy; ease political tension; address human rights concerns; and engage with the international community, attracting foreign investment. Our friendship continues to flourish. In 2019, the U.S. Department of Commerce led its first certified trade mission to Uzbekistan to discuss advancing trade opportunities between the two countries, and to open new markets for U.S. business interests.

In 2021, the U.S. Department of State and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic

of Uzbekistan launched a successful inaugural meeting of the U.S.-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership Dialogue in Tashkent, inspiring a continued constructive exchange on critical issues.

I will continue to be a friend of Uzbekistan and support the great strides Uzbekistan has made to democratize. I look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship between our two nations.

COMMEMORATING THE LYLES CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CENTEN- NIAL

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Lyles Consolidated School located in Gibson County, Indiana. This school served as a cornerstone of Lyles Station, a town that began as an African American farming settlement, until its closure in 1955 and again today as a museum where the history of the site and town are preserved.

Throughout its history, the Lyles Consolidated School produced exemplary graduates including; Alonzo Fields, the Chief Butler for Presidents at the White House for 21 years, Burniss Priestly, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Aaron Fisher, the most decorated African American soldier from Indiana to serve in World War I, and Matthias Nolcox, the first principal of Indianapolis' Crispus Attucks High School.

It wasn't until 1999 when this outstanding piece of our history was recognized and protected by being added to the National Register of Historic Places, an important step in preserving the building after it had fallen to disrepair after closure. Today, the Lyles Station Historic School and Museum continues the tradition of educating visitors on the contributions, struggles, and achievements of the African American Hoosiers who studied and lived here. The school is filled with period-correct seating, books, and other materials that help bring the site to life for those that visit.

I am grateful to the Hoosiers that painstakingly work to preserve this part of our history, and encourage my colleagues and all of their constituents to come visit southern Indiana so that they can stop by the Lyles Station Historic School and Museum to recognize their centennial and contributions to the United States.

RECOGNIZING DR. BARBARA SHANNON-BANNISTER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Barbara Shannon-Bannister for receiving the Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from Aurora Community of Faith, and for her lifelong service to our community.

The Spirit of MLK Award is presented to an individual who emulates the values, ideas, dreams, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King,